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In re the application of

Burbank et al.

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
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TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification and claims as follow.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title, please insert:

"This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/146,185, filed September 1, 1998, by Burbank et al., which is a continuation-in-part of copending U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 13, 1998, by Burbank et al., which is a non-provisional application of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/076,093, filed March 3, 1998, by Burbank et al., priority to which applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120 as applicable.